

REMARKS TO THE PRESS BY SECRETARY KISSINGER AND SECRETARY OF STATE FOR EXTERNAL AFFAIRS OF CANADA MacEACHEN IN THE "C" STREET LOBBY, DEPARTMENT OF STATE, WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 18, 1976

SECRETARY KISSINGER: I know, ladies and gentlemen, you are all here because of the intense interest in Canadian-American relations. I have demonstrated that by staying in Washington during this week so that I could have consultations with my friend, the Foreign Minister.

We've reviewed a whole range of issues affecting both world affairs and our bilateral relations in a very cordial and constructive atmosphere. I briefed Mr. MacEachen about our African initiatives. We discussed the progress of the Conference on International Economic Cooperation in which Mr. MacEachen is Co-Chairman and has conducted his role with great distinction and in a manner which we hope will lead to progress in the Conference. We discussed the issue of nonproliferation of nuclear weapons, bilateral issues. We discussed Law of the Sea matters, maritime boundaries, mutual fishing problems. And we will discuss at lunch such problems as energy and border TV, and I am sure we will cover other topics as well.

All I want to say is that the relationships between our two countries are excellent, that the difficulties that exist in particular areas are being systematically dealt with, with the attitude of removing them and with a confidence that constructive solutions will be found.

SECRETARY MacEACHEN: I want to underline what Dr. Kissinger has said about the value of the discussions we've had this morning, particularly the discussions we've had on bilateral questions which formed a good part of our discussions. In each of these we reviewed the current state of play and in all of the issues we were able to see where forward movement might be possible through further discussions.

I was particularly gratified to hear Dr. Kissinger's comments on the progress of the Conference on International Economic Cooperation and to receive from him very strong encouragement in carrying forward this important dialogue, and I heard a quite a number of constructive suggestions from him as to how further progress might be made.

QUESTION: Have you not yet discussed anything — energy or border TV? You haven't discussed that yet?

SECRETARY MacEACHEN: Both items are on our agenda. We have been working through the agenda. We are going to lunch now, and we will discuss both energy and border television.

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QUESTION: How could these rather, what seem to be very touchy issues between the two countries, be right at the bottom of your agenda?

SECRETARY MacEACHEN: Well, we didn't attempt to list the subjects in terms of sensitivity. Some of the issues that we did discuss in my view are as sensitive and as touchy, so to speak, as any that are left undealt with.

SECRETARY KISSINGER: Since we are doing them at lunch, Mr. MacEachen has a great bargaining position — he may refuse to feed me unless I agree with him. And I think that was the real reason why the order was made.

QUESTION: Mr. Secretary, on another matter, if we may: the Republican foreign policy plank adopted last night. Do you see that as criticism of your foreign policy initiatives, and how do you feel about it generally?

SECRETARY KISSINGER: I don't take this as criticism of my foreign policy initiatives. The platform is something on which the President has to run, and anything that he's satisfied with I'm glad to accept.

QUESTION: Dr. Kissinger, do you have any comment on the killing of two Americans Korea, in the DMZ this morning?

SECRETARY KISSINGER: We briefed Mr. MacEachen about this, which I [inaudible] earlier. We are making a formal statement on this matter. We consider the killing of the two American officers a wanton act of murder for which we will hold the North Korean authorities responsible for all consequences.

QUESTION: Can you give us the basic thrust of the suggestions you made on CIEC?

SECRETARY KISSINGER: Mr. MacEachen explained to me his discussions with the other Co-Chairman, and we had a generally conceptual discussion on how we might proceed, about the importance the United States attaches to this conference. I did not make any specific proposals, but I think we indicated the direction which we hope is constructive, which Mr. MacEachen will now explore in his further dialogue on the subject.

QUESTION: Mr. Secretary, what effect do you feel the Reagan plank as adopted at the Convention will have on your conduct of foreign policy, and do you feel it puts any crimp in the tone of your foreign policy?

SECRETARY KISSINGER: I don't know any Reagan plank — I understand this as a plank that was adopted by the Republic Party. We will conduct foreign policy at the direction of the President as heretofore, and I don't think it will have any effect on the conduct of our foreign policy.

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QUESTION: Mr. Secretary, how important is the television issue, the border TV issue, in US-Canadian relations?

SECRETARY KISSINGER: It is a disputed issued in which we have different attitudes, but we are intending to deal with this in a constructive way and hopefully find a solution — not necessarily at this meeting.

QUESTION: Have you urged Canada to tighten up its security measures in relation to atomic energy, particularly in reference to Pakistan and the possibility of a French reprocessing plant going there?

SECRETARY KISSINGER: I don't think there is any disagreement with respect to safeguards between us and Canada in the nuclear field. We are in complete agreement both as to safeguards and as to nonproliferation policy.

QUESTION: You wouldn't be concerned if Canada went ahead with assistance to Pakistan if they purchased the reprocessing plant?

SECRETARY KISSINGER: I don't want to go into any particular issue. All I can say is that on the subjects dealing with nonproliferation there are no disagreements.

QUESTION: Mr. Secretary, did the Ford strategists in any way consult you about their decision not to put up a fight on that so-called morality plank? There has been a report to that effect, and we would appreciate your comment.

SECRETARY KISSINGER: I am one of the strongest advocates of morality, and so they knew general predelictions. As I understand it, the final vote on this was taken at 3:00 in the morning. And there were substantive discussions and there were tactical issues. And I put this in the category of a tactical issue.

QUESTION: But did the Ford people reach you for your view as to whether they should or should not put up a fight on that plank?

SECRETARY KISSINGER: There were discussions all during the day with respect -- yes, I was also, there were discussions with me.

QUESTION: And what was your recommendation?

SECRETARY KISSINGER: I have always felt that recommendations to the President should be privileged.

QUESTION: Do you feel squelched or repudiated in any way, Mr. Secretary?

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SECRETARY KISSINGER: Not at all.

SECRETARY MACEACHEN: He was very cheerful and bouncy today, I found.

QUESTION: Do you plan to go to Kansas City, Mr. Secretary?

SECRETARY KISSINGER: I plan to go there tomorrow.

QUESTION: What sort of a reception do you expect?

SECRETARY KISSINGER: I know there are many people who are eagerly awaiting me. [Laughter]

THE PRESS: Thank you.